1. अनुसूचित जाति/अनुसूचित जनजाति के आवेदक ।

2. भूतपूर्व सैनिक और युद्ध में शहीद हुए सैनिकों की विधवाएं ।

3. दूरसंचार विभाग के सेवानिवृत कर्मचारी अथवा उनके आश्रित ।

4. स्वतंत्रता सेनानियों के आश्रित ।

5. धर्मार्थ संस्थान/अस्पताल ।

(ख) और (ग) हरियाण में एसटीडी/आईएस-डी/पीसीओं के लिए लम्बित पड़े आवेदनों की संख्या 3244 हैं । इनमें से कुछ अक्तुबर, 1994 से लम्बित हैं ।

(घ) एक्सचेंज क्षमता तथा तकनीकी शक्यता उपलब्ध हो जाने पर लम्बि आवेदनों को 1997-98 शक निपटा दिये जाने की प्रत्याशा हैं ।

Reduction In the Cost of International Telephone Calls

1176. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the cost of international telephone calls is likely to be reduced by about 80% following a pact agreed upon by the parties at World Trade Organisation;

(b) whether Government are aware that such a pact will have adverse effect
- on Indian Telecommunication System and tariff;

(c) whether some foreign telecommunication companies have indicated their attitude towards Third world markets including India; and

(d) if so, the facts and details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VAR-MA): (a) and (b) The rates of international telephone calls were not included in India's offer submitted to WTO.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.

Inter-Communicating of Computers of Bill Collection Centres with Accounts Department

1177. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN. Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that internet is using basic infrastructure of Telecommunication;

(b) whether it is also a fact that inter-communicating of the computers between two different places is possible; and

(e) the reasons for not connecting bill collection centres to accounts department and telephone disconnecting department?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VAR-MA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Department has no plan of using the Internet for Departmental purposes. However bill collection systems which includes such centres/department are being progressively computerised using in-house infrastructure.

Installation of sorting Machines in Head Post Offices

1178. SHRI OYAN RANJAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to instal sorting machines in each Head Post Office in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefore; and

(d) the number of sorting machines proposed to be installed in Bihar during 1996-97 and 1997-98?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VAR-MA): (a) There is no proposal with the Government for installing sorting machine in each Head Post Office in the country.

(b) Does not arise in, view of the reply at (a).